

LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions of the claims.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:
 obtaining a request to provide a service, wherein
 the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and
 at least one device of a plurality of devices **is configured to provide** ~~provides~~ the
 service;
 identifying one device of the at least one device to provide the service; and
 converting the request to a second request ~~in a second language~~, wherein
 the second request conforms to a second language, and
 the one device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the
 second request.
~~the second language is used for communication with the one device.~~
2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 directing the second request to the one device.
3. **(Original)** The method of claim 2 wherein
 the first language is a markup language;
 the second language is a device-specific language of a plurality of device-specific languages,
 wherein
 each of the plurality of devices communicates using one of the plurality of device-
 specific languages.
4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 2 wherein
 the request format comprises
 at least one instruction, and
 data to be used when performing the at least one instruction; ~~and~~
the second request conforms to the request format
5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 4 wherein
 the request specifies use of a specific feature of a specific device of the plurality of devices by

specifying an optional variable , and
providing a value for the optional variable;

and

the converting the request to the second request ~~in the second language~~ comprises
including the optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second request, and
including the value for the optional variable in the data of the second request, wherein the
optional variable and the value specify use of the specific feature.

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 2 further comprising:
sending a response to the request.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 6 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

8. **(Original)** The method of claim 7 wherein
the response format comprises
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A system comprising:
obtaining means for obtaining a request to provide a service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and
at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide ~~provides~~ the
service;
identifying means for identifying one device of the at least one device to provide the service; and
converting means for converting the request to a second request ~~in a second language~~, wherein
the second request conforms to a second language, and
the one device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the
second request.
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10. **(Original)** The system of claim 9 further comprising:
directing means for directing the second request to the one device.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 10 wherein the request format comprises
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction, ~~and~~
~~the second request conforms to the request format.~~

12. **(Original)** The system of claim 11 further comprising:
first including means for including an optional variable in the at least one instruction of the
second request, and
second including means for including a value of the optional variable in the data of the second
request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific device of
the plurality of devices.

13. **(Original)** The system of claim 10 further comprising:
sending means for sending a response to the request.

14. **(Original)** The system of claim 13 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

15. **(Original)** The system of claim 14 wherein
the response format comprises
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium comprising:
obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and
at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide ~~provides~~ the
service;
identifying instructions to identify one device of the at least one device to provide the service;
and
converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a second language, wherein

the second request conforms to a second language, and
the one device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the
second request.

~~**the second language is used for communication with the one device.**~~

17. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:
directing instructions to direct the second request to the one device.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-readable medium of claim 17 wherein
the request format comprises
at least one instruction, and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction, ~~and~~
~~**the second request conforms to the request format.**~~

19. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of claim 18 further comprising:
first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of the
second request, and
second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the second
request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific device of
the plurality of devices.

20. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further comprising:
sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

21. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

22. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of claim 21 wherein
the response format comprises
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

23. **(Original)** A computer system comprising:
 a processor for executing instructions; and
 a memory for storing the instructions, wherein
 the memory is coupled to the processor, and
 the instructions comprise:
 obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein
 the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and
 at least one device of a plurality of devices provides the service;
 identifying instructions to identify one device of the at least one device to provide
 the service; and
 converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a second
 language, wherein
 the second request conforms to a second language, and
 the one device is configured to provide the service in response to
 receiving the second request.

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24. **(Original)** The computer system of claim 23 wherein the instructions further
 comprise:
 directing instructions to direct the second request to the one device.

25. **(Currently Amended)** The computer system of claim 24 wherein
 the request format comprises
 at least one instruction, and
 data to be used when performing the at least one instruction, ~~and~~
~~the second request conforms to the request format.~~

26. **(Original)** The computer system of claim 25 wherein the instructions further
 comprise:
 first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of the
 second request, and

second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the second request, wherein
the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific device of the plurality of devices.

27. **(Original)** The computer system of claim 24 wherein the instructions further comprise:
sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

28. **(Original)** The computer system of claim 27 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

29. **(Original)** The computer system of claim 28 wherein
the response format comprises
at least one instruction; and
data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A system comprising:
an obtaining module to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein
the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and
at least one device of a plurality of devices **is configured to provide** ~~provides~~ the
service;
an identifying module to identify one device of the at least one device to provide the service; and
a converting module to convert the request to a second request in a second language, wherein
the second request conforms to a second language, and
the one device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the
second request.
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31. **(Original)** The system of claim 30 further comprising:
a directing module to direct the second request to the one device.

32. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 31 wherein
the request format comprises

at least one instruction, and
 data to be used when performing the at least one instruction, ~~and~~
~~the second request conforms to the request format.~~

33. **(Original)** The system of claim 32 further comprising:
 a first including module to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of the
 second request, and
 a second including module to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the second
 request, wherein
 the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific device of
 the plurality of devices.

34. **(Original)** The system of claim 31 further comprising:
 a sending module for sending a response to the request.

35. **(Original)** The system of claim 34 wherein
 the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

36. **(Original)** The system of claim 35 wherein
 the response format comprises
 at least one instruction; and
 data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

37. **(Currently Amended)** An application programming interface comprising:
 a request definition for a first command to provide a request for a service, wherein
 the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language,
 the request format is specified in the request definition,
 at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide ~~provides~~ the
 service,
 one device of the at least one device is identified to provide the service in response to the
 first command,
 the request is converted to a second request, ~~request in a second language, and~~
the second request conforms to a second language, and

the one device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving the second request.

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38. **(Original)** The application programming interface of claim 37 further comprising:
a response definition for a response format in which a response to the request is provided.

39. **(Original)** The application programming interface of claim 37 further comprising:
an initialization definition for a second command to initialize prior to providing the request for the service.